

**Waganakising Odawa**  
Tribal Council  
Land and Reservation Committee  
Court Room  
March 31, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call:

Committee Members Present: Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Committee Chairperson Mel Kiogima  
Committee Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick

Guests: PEACE Coordinator Kristy Dayson, Education Department Administrative Assistant (EDAA) Beverly Wemigwase, Youth Director Joe Lucier, Planning Director Bryan Gillett, Legislative Leader Bea Law

Motion made by Councilor McNamara, seconded by Councilor Bentley, to adopt the amended Agenda.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent

Motion carries.

On-going Business

PEACE Coordinator Dayson, EDAA Wemigwase, and Youth Director Lucier led discussion about the Youth Land Training Session held on Friday, March 20, 2009, at the Odawa Hotel. The general consensus was that the Youth got alot from the event, the session went well, and that no negative comments have been received. It was felt that a land-related follow-up session for the Youth would further help them in grasping the concept of Tribal land ownership. Many options were discussed, including a Youth tour of some LTBB-owned properties. It was noted that the Youth would also benefit from a single LTBB-wide land session, but perhaps with a Youth breakout session during the event. As the Committee contemplates a follow-up 'land' session, it will be developed in consideration of LTBB Youth participation.

11:10 a.m. Meeting recesses.

11:22 a.m. Meeting resumes.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Councilor Bentley, seconded by Councilor McNamara, to approve the corrected Minutes of February 7, 2009.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent

Motion carries.

By consensus of the Committee, the draft Minutes of the March 20, 2009, meeting will not be considered for approval today, but would be posted and reconsidered at the next meeting.

On-going Business:

Committee Chairperson Kiogima distributed a copy of the news article about the Youth Land Training Session that was submitted to the Odawa Trails.

Discussion was held pertaining to the need to have grants researched and applied for by the LTBB Grant Writer pursuant to LTBB Grant, Donation, or Other Funding Policy for 'acquisition of land', 'land use', and 'land training'. Chairperson Kiogima would contact the LTBB Grant Writer and request that research be done and that appropriate grants be applied for.

Discussion was held about the status of the recently acquired Second Street property in Harbor Springs. The Committee wants the property to be evaluated and made to benefit LTBB. Motion made by Councilor McNamara, seconded by Councilor Bentley, to recommend to Tribal Council that the Second Street property be assessed by the Executive Branch for viable residential purposes and for it to be leased to a Tribal Citizen.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent

Motion carries.

New Business:

Attorney Budnick was not aware of any new 'land' court cases that would impact LTBB.

12:12 p.m. Meeting recesses for lunch.

1:06 p.m. Meeting resumes.

Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF) Project:

Attorney Budnick led discussion about the status of the ILTF grant budget. The project continues to operate within budget. The remaining balance will be needed to mail the Final Report to ILTF.

Attorney Budnick reports that she has not yet received a response to the request made of ILTF for an extension of the due date for the Final Report. Attorney Budnick would inquire on the status later this week.

Planning Director Gillett reports that the Land Survey Report is in its final stages of modifications, including a Summary of the data.

Planning Director Gillett led the Committee and attendees through a Strategic Planning process that will result in a strategic plan for Land and Reservation that outlines the goals and objectives for the next two to five years.

3:00 p.m. Meeting recesses.

3:10 p.m. Meeting resumes.

The Strategic Planning process continues.

4:10 p.m. Meeting recesses.

4:20 p.m. Meeting resumes.

The Strategic Planning process continues.

#### Miscellaneous

5:08 p.m. Public Comment opened.

Councilor McNamara reiterated his concerns that something needs to be done for the storage of documents for the Archive/Records Department.

Legislative Leader Law pointed out that there are grants available for this type of structure.

General discussion was held pointing out that a Facilities Task Force was recently formed by Executive Order to research and analyze the need for various facilities by LTBB Departments and Programs.

5:14 p.m. Public Comment closed.

There were no further action items that needed to be addressed at this time.

The next meeting dates were tentatively scheduled for Friday, April 17, 2009, from 1 to 5 p.m., and for Saturday, April 18, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at a location to be determined.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara, seconded by Councilor Bentley, to adjourn at 5:15 p.m.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent

Motion carries.